

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 51

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Staff Sergeant Craig Davis.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army Staff Sergeant Craig Davis upon his death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and the most profound sorrow that the Senate has learned of the death in combat of Staff Sergeant Davis; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Davis was a native of Opelousas where he attended high school and enlisted in the Army right after graduation, beginning a military career spanning nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Davis was stationed at Fort Polk where he was a member of the 603rd Transportation Company, 142nd Corps Support Battalion when the unit received orders to deploy to the Iraqi Theater of Operations; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Davis performed bravely in his nation's fight against the forces of terror and oppression in the Middle East and was known for his conduct which exemplified the courageous and brightly shining American spirit that has lighted the way for freedom since this country's birth; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Davis dearly missed his wife, Rosalind, and his children, Shania, Donovan, Dominic, Dominique, and Sharoyah, along with his many friends, during

1 his Iraqi tour of duty, and while he missed his loved ones, he truly loved his country and was
2 honored to be a part of protecting his homeland from the threat of terrorism by its enemies;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Davis will be forever remembered by those who served
5 with him for his dedication to his country, his mission, and his unit, always placing the needs
6 of his men and the success of his mission above his own needs and interests, concerned
7 mainly with insuring that the men of his command returned home safely to their loved ones
8 and their lives; and

9 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Davis was 37 years old when he boarded an Army Black
10 Hawk helicopter on January 8, 2005, to travel to Baghdad for a medical examination because
11 of trouble he was having with a numbness in his arm; and

12 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Davis and the eight other service members aboard were
13 mortally wounded when their Black Hawk was attacked by terrorist forces as it flew over
14 the enemy infested town of Fallujah and crashed as a direct result of having been struck
15 numerous times by enemy fire; and

16 WHEREAS, while the loss of Staff Sergeant Davis and his fallen comrades was
17 almost more than his family and friends could endure, their ultimate sacrifice for their
18 country made citizens around the nation rally in support of all the brave men and women
19 gallantly fighting this nation's war on terror and serves as a reminder that freedom is never
20 free and sometimes Americans must fight to protect the freedoms and liberties that all of its
21 citizens now enjoy.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
23 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a
24 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army Staff Sergeant Craig Davis for
25 fighting America's enemies in a faraway land.

26 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be
27 transmitted to the wife and children of Staff Sergeant Craig Davis.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Craig Davis.